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WHS graduation tickets now available

The 147th WHS graduation ceremony is set to begin at 7 p.m. Friday, July 31 on the Honeywell House Lawn. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, guests will be required to have a ticket. Each graduate will be allowed four tickets. Replacement tickets will not be available.

Attendees are also asked to practice social distancing and are encouraged to wear a face mask. Parents and guardians will need to receive tickets from the seniors themselves. Seniors can

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Jones named Wabash County Scholarship Pageant Queen

The pageant was held Friday evening at the Honeywell Center

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The 30th Annual Wabash County Scholarship Pageant was held Friday evening at the Honeywell Center.

Twelve former queens and former directors were honored during the evening, along with sponsors. A total of 17 contestants competed in the pageant, according to Bev Vanderpool, co-director.

Winners of over \$4,000 in scholarships were:

QUEEN: Katie Jones, daughter of Jennifer Nestleoad, of



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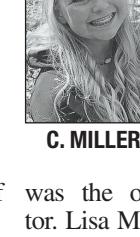
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Marion, and the late Ron Jones. Jones will represent Wabash County at the Indiana State Festivals Pageant in January at the Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis.

FIRST RUNNER UP: Alyssa McKillip, daughter of Troy and Toni McKillip, of Wabash. Earlier this month, McKillip was named Miss Wabash County 2020 at the Wabash County 4-H Fair Queen Pageant.

SECOND RUNNER UP: Jirni

Cripe, daughter of Phil and Joni Cripe, of North Manchester.

THIRD RUNNER UP: Haylie Miller, daughter of Steve and Roberta Miller, of Urbana.

FOURTH RUNNER UP: Mariah Kirtlan, daughter of Steve and Sandy Kirtlan, of Wabash.

MISS FRIENDSHIP: Christine Niccum, daughter of Brian and Deanna Niccum, of North Manchester.

THE DIRECTORS' AWARD: Chloe Miller, daughter of

Mark and Angela Miller, of North Manchester.

The former queens voted on their choice to be queen," said Vanderpool. Their award went to Kenda Mullen, daughter of George Mullen and Jessica and Jason Strickler, all of Wabash.

The emcee was Rod Schram. Stage decorations were provided by Jon Vanderpool. Escorts for the evening were Alix Winer and Luke Winer. Karen Walker

was the on-stage coordinator. Lisa Mattern Billings and Megan Long were the choreographers.

Scorekeepers were Connie George and Beth Miller. Tri Kappa Members helped backstage and in the dressing rooms. The pageant directors include Vanderpool, Patty Meagher, Kara Fulmer, Teresa Ridgeway and Makayla Ridgeway.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

Immunizations on the road



The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile has been making stops in Wabash County in July including Walmart and the Wabash County YMCA, shown here.

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile visiting Manchester Jr./Sr. High School on Wednesday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is a doctor's office on wheels – delivering Parkview Physicians Group – Pediatrics providers to communities throughout northeast Indiana. While the Care Mobile typically offers an array of health care services for children – including wellness visits; screenings for hearing, vision and development; point of care testing for lead, strep and urine; fluoride treatments; and childhood health and safety education – it will only be providing immunizations this time, according to Leslie Megison, media and community relations spe-

cialist for Parkview Wabash Hospital.

Common vaccinations include, but are not limited to, shingles, pneumonia, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) influenza, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), hepatitis A, hepatitis B and human papillomavirus, more commonly known as HPV, according to Libby Richards, faculty associate for Purdue University's Center for Aging and the Life Course.

Immunizations will be offered by appointment only and can be scheduled by calling 877-774-8632 and selecting option 2. To maintain social distancing, only

one child and their parent/guardian will be allowed in the Care Mobile at a time, and a tent will be on site for those waiting. Parents and children age 2 and up will need to wear a face mask. Those without a mask will be provided one upon arrival.

The Care Mobile delivers no-charge services to families without medical insurance. However, families with medical insurance are still welcome to make an appointment and their insurance will be billed for services.

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Honeywell receives

\$4,000 from Arts Midwest

Fund awarded a total of \$38,900 in Touring Fund Grants to organizations

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Earlier this month, Arts Midwest announced the 2020-21 Touring Fund grants, which includes 16 grants totaling \$38,900 to Indiana arts and cultural organizations, according to Bridget Eckert, director of marketing and communications.

Among the organizations awarded were the Honeywell Center, which received \$4,000.

"We are so honored to receive this award again for the upcoming school year. We use the funds to bring Grammy-nominated songwriter Steve Seskin into classrooms across northern Indiana. For more than a decade, the Educational Outreach Program has brought Steve for two to three weeks each fall. During his residency, he provides songwriting workshops in area schools in which he guides the students to write on topics like being kind to each other, standing up to bullying, and showing pride in their schools. Steve then performs an all-school assembly using songs and stories communicate the importance of kindness and

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Second Harvest to split weekly distributions between two locations in August

Manchester Church of the Brethren, Bachelor Creek Church of Christ sites chosen

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana will be splitting its weekly food distribution tailgate events between two locations in August, according to Robby Tompkins, director of philanthropy.

The final July distribu-

tion has been planned for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 29 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North.

Tompkins said the weekly distributions in July at Northfield have seen over 2,000 people.

"This is around the same as previous weeks," said Tompkins.

Tompkins said in August, the distributions will alternate between two new locations:

■ 11 a.m. Wednesdays Aug. 5 and 19 at the

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Learn More Center gets \$40,981 grant

Pauline J. Barker Education Trust's to support adult education programs

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Last week, the Pauline J. Barker Education Trust awarded the Learn More Center a grant of \$40,981 to support adult education programs in Wabash County, according to Gary Montel, development officer.

The donation has become

something of a tradition. Most recently, the trust donated \$38,000 to the Learn More Center in 2019.

"The Learn More Center is truly blessed by the Pauline J. Barker Education Trust has provided the Learn More Center with a total of over \$518,000 of

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ISDH adds 10 local COVID-19 cases since Saturday; total now 147

The state still reports three local deaths, and now reports 2,996 tests

STAFF REPORT

Since Saturday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has added 10 local COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 147.

On Saturday, the ISDH added three local positive cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 140, with 2,914 tests.

On Sunday, the ISDH added four local positive cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 144, with 2,944 tests.

On Monday, the ISDH added another local positive case, bringing Wabash

County's total to 145, with 2,968 tests.

On Tuesday, the ISDH added two more local positive cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 147, with 2,996 tests.

The state still reports three local deaths.

Statewide on Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 809 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to

63,678 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard, according to Megan Wade-Taxter, media relations coordinator.

A total of 2,725 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 16 over the previous day. Another 199 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

As of Tuesday, 44.6 percent of ICU beds and 83.5 percent of ventilators are available across the state.

To date, 716,809 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 707,791 on Monday.

To find testing locations around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

If you made a mistake on your tax return, the DOR can help

Not all errors require an amended return

STAFF REPORT

Customers who make simple mistakes may not have to file an amended tax return, according to the Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR).

Customers do not need to file an amended tax return if simple math errors were made on the return. The DOR team will automatically correct minor errors and adjust the return accordingly. This may modify a tax refund or generate a bill. If this occurs, a letter will be sent to the customer to explain any changes.

Generally, if tax documents were not included with the return, but all income, deductions and credits were reported correctly. A DOR customer service

team member may contact the customer by phone to request more information to complete return processing.

Customers need TO file an amended return if:

■ The income reported was incorrect or an additional source of income was not reported.

■ Schedule IN K-1s Income and Deductions were not included, even if the income was reported correctly.

■ The tax filing status has changed, e.g., the filing status needs to change from jointly to filing separately.

■ Incorrect or inaccurate tax deductions or credits were claimed.

■ An entitled to deduction or credit was not originally claimed.

Individuals needing to update a return that may result in a new refund amount should wait until they re-

ceive their initial tax refund before filing an amended return.

Individuals may amend their return by first filing the Federal Form 1040X with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), followed by an Indiana amended return, Form IT-40X.

State returns can be amended up to three years after the original due date or the date the tax was paid, whichever is later.

Amended tax returns must be sent to DOR by mail; the address is included on each form.

For more information on

filling an amended state tax return, call DOR Customer Service at from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 317-232-2240, or visit dor.in.gov.

select "Individual Income Taxes" from the menu and then "File an Amended Return."

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- Enhanced cleaning procedures
- Visitor restrictions
- Appropriate personal protective equipment on all patients and staff members
- Patients being screened for COVID-19 symptoms before and on arrival
- Precautions to keep those who are showing symptoms separate from others

While the world around us is different right now, one thing will never change: our dedication to you. We're safe. We're ready. And we're proud that our family continues to care for yours.

For safety information and details on facility updates, visit parkview.com/covid-19.

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5-Day Weather Summary



Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
85 / 69



Thursday
Scattered T-storms
78 / 63



Friday
Mostly Cloudy
76 / 62



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
78 / 63



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
76 / 62

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:06 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:43 a.m.

 Full 8/3	 Last 8/11	 New 8/18	 First 8/25
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 85°, humidity of 56%. Southwest wind 5 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 35% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 69°. South southeast wind 2 to 8 mph.

GRANT

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vital support for advancing educational opportunities for adults in Wabash County. The Learn More Center provides a path to help students attain their goals within an efficient, effective, and nurturing environment that provides instruction, guidance, and mentoring."

Montel said support from the Pauline J. Barker Education Trust has assisted many students in overcoming obstacles of learning differences, transportation barriers and lack of support from home.

"In the past year, Pauline Barker Trust funds have supported over 44 students

in attaining their dreams of a high school equivalency diploma and many more in advancing their basic academic skills and moving forward to career pathways and postsecondary education and training," said Montel.

Pauline J. Barker, a lifelong resident of Wabash, is remembered as the manager of Rock City Café, a position she held for 45 years before her retirement.

Before her death in 1999, she established this educational foundation bearing her name to provide support for basic literacy education, adult education, vocational training and re-training of youth and adults. The Pauline J. Barker Education Trust is administered by First Mer-

chants Trust Company.

"The Pauline Barker Educational Trust, the Community Foundation of Wabash County, and many individuals and businesses support this program that changes individuals and their family's futures," said Montel.

At the Learn More Center, educational programming is offered at the Wabash County Community Learning Center in Wabash and the Town Life Center in North Manchester.

For more information, call 260-330-1461 or visit www.learnmorecenter.org. Services are confidential and are of no cost to students.

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Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester.

■ 11 a.m. Wednesdays Aug. 12 and 26 at the Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15.

"We hope to maintain this type of every other week schedule in two parts of the county going forward," said Tompkins.

No IDs, proof of address

or need will be required, and all will be welcome. Distribution is while supplies last. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone.

If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts.

For more information, visit www.CureHunger.org.

"The routine distribution schedule is increased

to keep up with the needs created by COVID-19. If you'd like to support these efforts in your community, donate," said Tompkins. "Right now, your donations will be doubled through our summer match campaign.

For more information on donating, visit curehunger.org/get-involved.

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ARTS

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respect," said Teresa L. Galley, director of education and outreach for the Honeywell Center. "This year's residency will look a little different. Due to varying COVID-19 protocols in schools across the region, Steve will work with students virtually from his home near San Francisco. The Honeywell team has been testing virtual programming over the summer and feel confident that students will have a wonderful experience!

Likewise, since March, Steve has been performing weekly live concerts via Facebook Live alongside fellow songwriters and singers. He is excited to take this experience into the classrooms here.

This residency is always scheduled before the Indiana Department of Education's Oct. 15 deadline for schools to provide bullying prevention programs to their students as a way to support schools in meeting this state requirement with a high-quality, engaging program."

The Touring Fund is a core program of Arts Midwest that connects people across the Midwest to dance, music, and theater

performances. Midwestern presenting organizations can apply for grants ranging from \$500 to \$4,000 to offset the costs of bringing high-quality touring art to their communities.

"As a Touring Fund recipient, each organization must present a professional artist or ensemble in a public performance and create a community activity that reaches an audience with limited access to the arts. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Arts Midwest is allowing these performances and community activities to take place virtually. Also, certain Touring Fund guidelines have been temporarily changed for the 2020-21 cycle. For this year only, organizations will be allowed to work with visual artists instead of performing artists, and/or work with artists within their state. These changes aim to flexibly support organizations as they work through uncertainty," said Eckert.

Besides the Honeywell, the list of 154 other grantees included:

■ Arts Place, of Portland: \$1,200.

■ Civic Hall Performing Arts Center, of Richmond: \$4,000.

■ DePauw University

School of Music, of Greencastle: \$1,400.

■ Eteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, of Indianapolis: \$2,000.

■ Embassy Theatre, of Fort Wayne: \$2,350.

■ Ensemble Music Society of Indianapolis, of Carmel: \$2,350.

■ Hatfield Hall at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, of Terre Haute: \$3,500.

■ Indianapolis Movement Arts Collective, of Indianapolis: \$1,000.

■ International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, of Indianapolis: \$2,300.

■ Indiana University Auditorium, of Bloomington: \$4,000.

■ Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University Bloomington: \$4,000.

■ Jasper Community Arts, of Jasper: \$1,000.

■ MidWay Music Speaks, of Bloomington: \$1,700.

■ Richmond Shakespeare Festival, of Richmond: \$1,500.

■ Wabash College Visiting Artists Series, of Crawfordsville: \$2,600.

For more information, visit www.artsmidwest.org.

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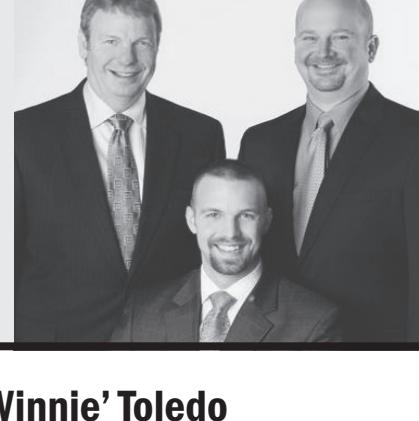
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Walter Edward 'Ed' Oliver

Dec 5, 1947 - July 25, 2020

Walter Edward "Ed" Oliver, 72, North Manchester, died July 25, 2020. Ed was born December 5, 1947 in Rochester, Indiana, to Leo Rue and Melva A. (Lowe) Oliver.

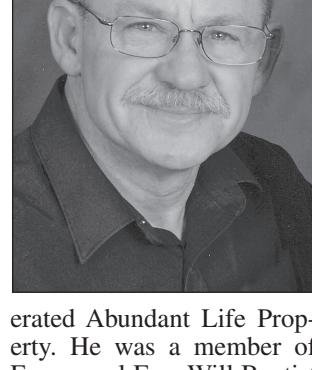
Walter Edward "Ed" Oliver is survived by his wife, Valery Oliver; sons, Edward Oliver, Wade Oliver, and Christian Oliver; daughter, Venus (John) Kauffman; brothers, Junior Rue (Ver-

na) Oliver and Harry "Jim" (Sandy) Oliver; sisters, Ruth Ellen (David) Ballinger, Pat (Greg) Mellinger, Mackie (Don) Cowles, and Debbie (Denny) Dell; twelve grandchildren, three great-grandchildren.

Calling Sunday, August 2, 2020 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Congregational Christian Church, 310 North Walnut Street, North Manchester.

Michael Ray Monroe

July 8, 1957 - July 25, 2020



Michael Ray Monroe, 63, of Wabash, Indiana, peacefully went to be with the Lord, on Saturday, July 25, 2020 surrounded by his family. He was born on Monday, July 8, 1957 in Wabash, to Franklin Junior Monroe and Regina B. (Griffith) Monroe Haney.

Mike married Lisa (Schue) Hudson, in Wabash, on July 1, 1989. He was a United States Army veteran. Mike was a licensed Realtor, worked at the Peabody Retirement Home, in North Manchester as maintenance supervisor for 10 years, owned his own painting, mowing, and rental business in Wabash, enjoyed flipping houses, and owned and op-

erated Abundant Life Property. He was a member of Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church. Mike loved God, his grandchildren, fishing, working, talking to people, never met a stranger, and

also enjoyed Diet Coke.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa Monroe of Wabash, three sons, Jeremy (Bridie) Monroe of Wabash, Robert Hudson of Seattle, Washington, and Brett (Sarah) Hudson of Nashville, Tennessee, five grandchildren, Beckett, Adelaide, Charlotte, and Thatcher Monroe, all of Wabash, and Clara Hudson of Nashville, Tennessee, mother and step father, Regina B. (Robert) Monroe Haney of Wabash, two brothers, David Monroe of Wabash, and Thomas Monroe of Phoenix, Arizona, and two sisters, Dorothy Monroe of Indianapolis, and Sierra Monroe of Wabash, and very special aunt, Marilyn Griffith of

Wabash. He was preceded in death by his father, Franklin "Cooger" Monroe.

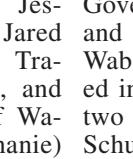
Funeral services will be 10:30 am on Saturday, August 1, 2020, at Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, 129 Southwood Drive, Wabash, with Pastor Terry Hinds officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 3-7 pm Friday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash.

Preferred memorials are the Emmanuel Christian School or ALS Association.

The memorial guest book for Mike may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Dixie Tackett

Feb 16, 1929 - July 27, 2020



them dearly.

She is survived by her husband, Freddie Tackett, and three children, Teresa Tackett, Tammy Tackett, and Randy Tackett, all of Wabash, seven grandchildren, Jessie (Abby) Tackett, Jared (Jessica) Tackett, Travis (Kristen) Tackett, and Heath Tackett, all of Wabash, Nick (Stephanie) Schumaker and Kevin (Caitlyn) Schumaker, both

of South Bend, Indiana, and Brian (Melissa) Schumaker of Indianapolis, Indiana, seven great grandchildren, and four sisters, Betty Johnson, Lora (Terry) McGovern, Josephine Banks, and Marie Tackett, all of Wabash. She was preceded in death by her parents, two daughters, Brenda Schumaker and Judy Tackett, and two brothers, Everett Blevins, Jr., and Virgil

Blevins.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 2, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Brad Eckerley officiating. Friends may call 2-6 pm Saturday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is St. Jude Children's Hospital.

The memorial guest book for Dixie may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Donald Milton Miller

Jan 4, 1919 - July 26, 2020

Donald Milton Miller, 101, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 8:20 am, on Sunday, July 26, 2020 at Miller's Merry Manor West in Wabash. He was born on Saturday, January 4, 1919 in Covington, Indiana, to George and Cecil A. (Johnson) Guerin.

Don was a US Navy veteran serving on a PT Boat in the Pacific. He married Alma Stumbo in Wabash in 1942; she died April 28, 1998.

Don worked at General Tire in Wabash, retiring after 35 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 15, and the Wabash VFW Post 286. Don was a St. Louis Cardinals fan and also enjoyed NASCAR.

He is survived by his son, Mick (Sue) Miller of Brownsburg, Indiana, six grandchildren including, Marcey (Corey) Stone of Marion, Indiana, Martyn

Miller of Nashville, Tennessee, and Michelle Miller of Land O Lakes, Florida, five great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, and his special friend, Pauline Ward of Wabash. He was also preceded in death by his parents, son, Jack Miller, three brothers, six sisters, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am, Monday, August 3, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Terry Hinds officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call 9:30-11:00 am Monday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is American Legion Post 15.

The memorial guest book for Don may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Sarah Elizabeth Eileen (Ashcraft) Smith

Sarah Elizabeth Eileen (Ashcraft) Smith, 38, of Wabash, passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at her residence.

Sarah is survived by her parents, Richard and Teresa Ashcraft; daughter, Destany Sklenar; brother, Richard L. Ashcraft; sisters, Heather Osmun and Angelique Gamble and stepdaughters, Sierra Davis and Larysa Richardson.

Kevin Dale Marcum

Kevin Dale Marcum, 45, of North Manchester, passed away July 28, 2020.

The memory of Kevin Dale Marcum will be cherished by his parents, Dale and Darlene Marcum; wife, Tricia (Moore) Marcum; two sons, Clayton Marcum and Devin Marcum; one daughter, Janika (Tyler) Fulk; two step-daughters, Katie (Grey) Harris and Kamryn Durden;

one sister, Becky (Jack) Poe; grandchildren, Danielle Fulk, Jaxon Fulk, and Addison Harris; nephews, Kagine, Kyezin, and Keston Poe.

Calling Monday, August 3, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling.

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pick up the tickets at the high school office from 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday at the WHS office. For those who are not able to attend, the live stream may be viewed by visiting <https://www.wabashwebtv.com>.

WHS plans prom

Prom has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 in front of Wabash High School, 580 N. Miami St.

August's Lagro Town Board meeting rescheduled

Their meeting for August has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3 in Lagro Town Hall, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro.

Dedication for public art in Wabash County set for August's First Friday

New public art will be dedicated during First Friday festivities at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7 at the northwest corner of Canal and Miami streets at the traffic control box located outside Schlemmer Brothers Hearth & Home, 108 W. Canal St. The event will honor the installation of 15 decorative art wraps on traffic control boxes throughout Wabash and North Manchester. The entire project, including all 15 designs and map, may be viewed online at <https://www.wabashmarketplace.org/artwraps.html>. The hashtag #ArtWrapsWabash County may be used on social media.

Wabash Marketplace announces \$2,500 giveaway at August's First Friday

Five-hundred people will receive a \$5 Downtown Bucks Voucher to be spent that evening at any business in downtown Wabash. One voucher per adult will be given and they will not be valid at food trucks or street vendors. Vouchers will be distributed at an outdoor booth, on the corner of Wabash and Canal streets. The line may form early, but vouchers won't be released until 5 p.m. The vouchers will be available through 8 p.m., or until the Bucks run out.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/372828447020691/> or www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Miami Corn Husk Doll workshop planned at Mississinewa Lake

Spend the afternoon with Miami artist and tradition bearer Catherine Nagy Mowry and make a corn husk doll in the Myaamia way from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 at Mississinewa Lake, 4673 S. 625 East, Peru. The class size is limited. Advance registration is required. Children are welcome, but those under 12 years of age should be accompanied by an adult. All materials will be provided by the artist. Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle will apply. For more information, call 260-468-2127 or visit dnr.IN.gov.

Clark Gallery to feature 2020 themed art exhibit

The Clark Gallery in the Honeywell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled "Dreams" through Sunday, Aug. 16. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. For more information, visit HoneywellCenter.org/dreams.

'Liking for Biking' riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a "free, family-friendly" 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a "fun and engaging atmosphere." Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Woman's Clubhouse hopes to pick up 2020-2021 schedule in August

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman's Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the

new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September. Any one who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339. The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization.

Manchester University announces plan to open in fall 2020

In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools, Manchester will move to remote teaching and learning after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association begins play

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association has begun play. This year, most Tuesdays will be a scramble event. Newcomers are welcome and there is a \$10 membership fee to cover various expenses. Call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663 by 9 a.m. Monday before to register.

Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market season open Saturdays through Sept. 26

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk's Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests

can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates. For more information, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Manchester University moves 2020 Commencement to fall

The dates for ceremonies at the North Manchester campus are Saturday, Oct. 17, Pharmacy Hooding Ceremony and Graduate and Professional Commencement (Doctorate in Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training and Master of Pharmacogenomics) at the Cordiner Auditorium; and Sunday, Oct. 18, Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy Commencement at the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC).

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to be open Sunday, Nov. 15.

Hawkins Farms kicks off Pizza Fridays benefiting HOPE CSA

Hawkins Family Farm is hosting "Tailgating on the Farm" from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at 10373 N. 300 East, North Manchester, diners will be able to order online or by phone their all-natural, locally-sourced artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor, wood-fired brick oven. Standard pizzas range from \$10 to \$20, payable by credit card or Apple Pay. All profits from Fridays on the Farm benefit HOPE CSA (Hands-On Pastoral Education using Clergy Sustaining Agriculture). For more information, visit www.hawkinsfamilyfarm.com or www.hopecsa.org.

Laketon American Legion open

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays serving breakfast and lunch. On Saturdays, only breakfast will be served from 6 to 11 a.m. On Sundays, they are closed.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplaindealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Feds in Portland doing more harm than good

President Donald Trump's plan to deploy federal law-enforcement officers in cities gripped by protests has so far been a thoroughgoing failure. That isn't stopping the administration from doubling down.

Earlier this month, the Department of Homeland Security began sending officers to Portland, Oregon, to protect federal property from continuing demonstrations. Lacking training for this kind of assignment, and given only the vaguest instructions, the agents tear-gassed elderly women, severely injured several protesters, and detained others without charges or explanation. In doing so, they've only fueled new anger and worsened the disorder.

Now Trump is threatening to send officers to at least half a dozen other cities "all run by very liberal Democrats" — a phrase that suggests the president is more interest-

ed in making a political point than in restoring order.

It's true that the mayhem in Portland has gone on far too long. Local authorities need to enforce the law and ensure that demonstrations remain peaceful. But the president's job is to support them in such an effort, not to barge in and compound the problem. The mayor and governor have demanded that the officers leave, both of the state's senators have condemned the operation, the attorney general has filed a lawsuit and prosecutors have opened a criminal investigation. The president should withdraw these units before any more harm is done.

"I don't need invitations by the state, state mayors, or state governors to do our job," said Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf. "We're going to do that, whether they like us there or not." This was to miss the point. The fed-

eral government has a right to protect federal property, but acting so clumsily, and over the objections of local officials, is needlessly inflammatory. It looks like a threat to get in line with the president's vision of crowd control or face an invasion of feds ready to crack skulls.

It's also a distraction from what DHS should be doing. The agency has a vital role in containing the Covid-19 pandemic. Its response so far has often been chaotic and incompetent. It failed for months to coordinate federal relief efforts or acquire adequate protective supplies. Asked in a hearing about how many respirators and face shields the country needed, Wolf could not even venture a guess. More than 900 immigrant detainees in the department's custody have contracted the virus, while its own agents have complained about a lack of personal protective

equipment.

That's to say nothing of DHS's other pressing responsibilities, including dealing with large numbers of migrants and asylum seekers at the southern border; significant threats to election security; a spike in state-sponsored cyber-attacks; vulnerabilities in critical infrastructure; virus-related travel disruptions; and much else, even as it's staffed with acting officials (or no one at all) in a slew of key positions. Members of Congress have questioned whether the department could even respond to a natural disaster in its current state.

With so many problems to attend to, the last thing the department — and the country — needs is for DHS officers to be deployed in cities where their presence has proved unwanted and counterproductive.

This editorial was first published in Bloomberg.

LETTERS

We have a white problem in America, not a Black problem

What is all this racism talk? I'm not a racist. I don't hate anybody. That is what I would have told myself a few years ago. Yes, I was aware that there was some discrimination going on in housing, loans, jobs. I am opposed to discrimination. There have been some changes made, right?

Then a friend talked to me about implicit bias. He challenged me to go online and take a simple test at https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/take_atest.html. I took the challenge. I was shocked by the results. I have since come to better understand what a racist culture we swim in.

I hear people say the answer is just to have your heart in the right place and love Jesus, everything will be fine. I am convinced that most of us paler people don't have a heart problem. We for the most part want there to be equality of opportunity. But we haven't faced those signals we've taken in all these years.

In our culture, there is no non-racist position. We're either an anti-racist, working for changes that produce quality and opportunity or we are ignoring what is going on around us.

Our darker brothers and sisters have been letting us know for a long time about what is happening to them but we have too often written it off and tried to speak for them.

This country is run by white people for the most part, from board rooms to politicians, from managers to bankers and police, most of us unaware of the unconscious bias we carry. We have a white problem in America, not a Black problem. It is on us to fix it.

Dean Beery

North Manchester

McConnell for Kosciusko County commissioner

We have received questions about why there are three districts for commissioners and what they mean for voters. The answer is a bit complicated but ultimately for the voter, the districts do not matter when it comes to how you vote.

First, it might help to know there are three districts for Commissioner in Kosciusko County — the Northern, the Middle, and the Southern. The Northern District encompasses the following Townships: Tippecanoe, Turkey Creek, Van Buren, Jefferson, Scott and the northern part of Plain. The Southern District encompasses Washington, Monroe, Jackson, Clay, Lake Seward, Franklin and a good amount of Wayne Township outside of Warsaw city limits. The Middle District encompasses the city of Warsaw, the northeast corner of Wayne Township, Harrison, Prairie and Etna Townships.

Although there are three districts, these lines are not voting lines. All three Commissioners are elected by all the voters of Kosciusko County no matter the district the voter resides in. So, how do districts matter?

The reason the county is split into districts is to provide for a diversity of location on the Board of Commissioners. One commissioner is elected from each district, and the commissioner must live in the district they are running in. This ensures that there will be a commissioner from each of the three parts of the county, instead of all three coming from the same area.

Travis McConnell lives and is running for the Middle District seat, but we want to show you why you can trust Travis to represent everyone. He has met and continues to meet with folks from all around the county to make sure all needs are addressed. If you have something you want to be addressed, please let us know, no matter which of our seventeen townships you live in.

Travis McConnell

Warsaw



Challenges for Indiana's colleges threaten long-term growth

América's colleges and universities are in the midst of reopening in what is sure to be a reckoning for many. My oldest already began her senior year, and my college sophomore heads back in early August. Both face strict

rules on mask wearing and social distancing. They return to a combination of online and in-person instruction, with a schedule fraught with uncertainty.

Right now, about a third of schools have announced this

hybrid model, with more than half planning for in-person classes. A few have elected to be online only, but this raises real challenges to colleges. I have written about the economic effects of the K-12 decisions before us, but there are economic effects to re-opening colleges as well.

Some of the costs of COVID-19 on US colleges are already emerging. International enrollment will drop, perhaps profoundly as few students can travel to the US to start school. Some will take online courses, but many will opt to delay a year or substitute a Canadian or UK university for a pandemic-stricken American school. This loss of out-of-state tuition will be enormous for some schools, and it is combined with a drop in other revenues.

Nearly every US state has announced or implemented budget reductions for higher education. For those with endowments, stock volatility augers little good news for financial returns in the year ahead. Research dollars are likely to be down this year, and extra revenue from summer programs and athletic events face epic declines. Nearly every American college or university is downsizing staff.

COVID-19 hits at a confusing time for American higher education. The financial returns to a college degree remain stunningly high, well over a million dollars in a lifetime. More than 80 percent of all the net job growth for the past 30 years has gone to college graduates. Nearly all the wage growth over 30 years went to college graduates, signaling that demand for college-educated workers is

outstripping the supply.

At the same time, state cuts to higher education have increased costs to students and forced most public universities to enroll large shares of out-of-state and international students to make up the financial shortfall. Thus, we have the bizarre environment where it is easier to get admitted to out-of-state schools than those in-state schools of the same quality. Incentives matter.

Largely due to low and declining state support, Indiana is near the very top of the list of states with foreign and out-of-state students. There are many benefits to this, but there are risks. The response to COVID-19 magnifies these risks, and at least one research group, led by Scott Galloway of NYU, attempted to evaluate the risks to schools from COVID-19 response.

Galloway's analysis examined the value to cost ratio and a vulnerability ratio that attempted to capture its risk to COVID-19 effects on enrollment. With this, he put each school into one of four categories.

Of the 456 schools he lists, 88 will thrive, 128 will survive, 131 will struggle, and 89 will perish.

These measures aren't perfect, and not every school made data available. However, the analysis did capture the gist of the problem. If universities conduct in-person classes, we must expect heavy transmission of disease. No matter what steps are taken in the classroom and on-campus, Galloway calls it "delusional" to believe students will social distance elsewhere.

If universities do not re-open, we must expect broad enrollment shifts between schools. For online classes, students will flee low-value schools. High-value schools, which mostly aren't low-priced schools, are safe from this calculus. The low-value schools, with low endowments and high admissions rates, are the most at-risk of financial meltdown.

Naturally, we should be interested in how Indiana schools will fare. Not every school was analyzed, but the general outline was clear. Ball State, Wabash and Notre Dame are expected to thrive. All three are high-value schools. Both IU and Purdue are ranked at greater risk, despite their high value, due to their

high reliance on out-of-state and foreign students.

Every other university or college was on the list of 'struggle' or 'perish' schools. While not every school was analyzed, my guess is that Butler University is the only other Indiana school that would dodge the struggle/perish list. This should be sobering because the schools on the thrive and survive list are already conducting layoffs and cost-cutting programs. The economic shocks of our national response to COVID-19 will almost surely force some colleges in Indiana to close.

Of course, higher education has to prove its value. Many schools entered this downturn poised to fail, and will soon close. In a perfect world, students from these schools would transfer seamlessly elsewhere and graduates not see a devaluation of their diploma. I fear it is more likely that the most vulnerable students will slip through the cracks and the environment for college completion will worsen across the state. We simply cannot afford that.

Indiana continues to lag in educational attainment, which fueled a steep decline in per capita personal income relative to the US. We've slipped from 92.1 percent to 85.9 percent just since 2000. Today, we face a perfect storm. Heavy reliance on out-of-state students and a decade of declining higher education funding have left Indiana at risk of steep declines in college attendance.

There are no easy remedies for these challenges, especially with state finances facing the most daunting two years since the Great Depression. Still, the future of Indiana's economy depends on deepening our bench of college graduates. If we fail that, no other policy or spending priority will make Indiana prosper.

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Man smitten by second cousin hides relationship from wife

DEAR ABBY: Three months ago, my husband ran into a second cousin he hadn't seen in 40 years. They were close for a short time during high school and saw each other a couple times after that.

I was not aware until recently that he had looked her up on social media and has been communicating with her every day since then. I didn't think much of it when he did tell me – until one night when he stayed on the computer with her until 3 a.m.

He has lied to me about the number of times he has been online with her and, if she calls or texts, he tells me it is someone else. She sent him pictures – which I saw – yet he denied receiving them. One time he forgot to sign off on a message he sent and, of course, I read it. To my shock, he was confiding a lot of things he has done while married to me that I was unaware of. It hurt me deeply, and I told him so.

Recently I was in the hospital. When I called him a couple of times at night, he claimed he didn't pick up because he was "tired." I found out later he was on the computer with her.

I have asked him more than once why this relationship is so private, and he says they are just friends. But when I asked to see some of the things he has written to her, he refused to show me. I said fine, then I will ask HER. Well, he blew up!

When I told him it hurts me that he spends so much time with her in the evening, he didn't give an answer. Am I overreacting? If so, can you please tell me how to settle down and deal with what is happening? – Cousin Trouble In The Midwest

DEAR COUSIN TROUBLE: You are not overreacting. It's time to do what you said you were going to do – call the woman and ask her what has been going on. After she fills you in, ask yourself if you still want to be married to a man who has cheated on you emotionally and probably physically.

If you feel there is any hope of saving your marriage, offer your husband the option of seeing a marriage and family therapist together. However, knowing he has no compunction about lying to you or any respect for your feelings, you might prefer to simply consult a lawyer about what your next steps should be.

DEAR ABBY: I am an 18-year-old woman. My parents are divorced. My father says I should be out having fun and I owe no explanations to anyone. My mother, on the other hand, is very strict. I respect her wishes and don't do what most people my age would do. I try to be very careful with what I say in any conversation with her, but it always ends up with her very angry toward me. I want to live my life or at least try to. What do I do? – Clueless Teen In Texas

DEAR TEEN: An 18-year-old should be carefree and engaged in self-discovery. But people of every age are having to hunker down and curtail their social activities these days because their lives could depend on it. And as to owing no explanations to anyone, until you are self-supporting and on your own, you WILL have to be accountable.

Your mother may be feeling insecure because her daughter is now a young adult rather than her little girl who needs protecting. She may also be reacting to the "advice" your dad is doling out. You are going to have to figure out what triggers your mother's anger during those conversations and find a happy medium.

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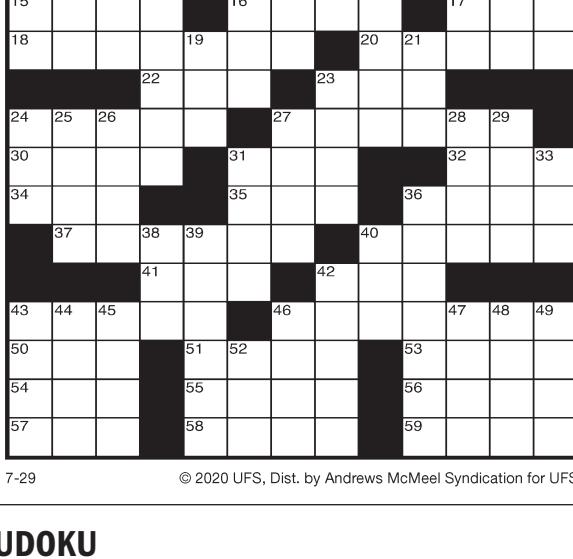
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

IF YOU GET TAGGED WHILE PLAYING TAG, JUST ACCEPT THE FACT AND THINK ---

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Business

Women 55+ pushed out of jobs because of COVID-19 could face harsh reality of long-term unemployment

The pandemic has pushed millions of people out of their jobs. One demographic that has been especially hard hit is women 55 and over.

Michelle Singletary

 Sarah Borenstein left teaching at 55 to start a second career in information technology. And she was doing well.

The Denver resident was working from her home as a contractor for an engineering firm.

Then the novel coronavirus started spreading. Borenstein's employer designated her an essential employee and assured her everything would be fine.

Then it wasn't. Her employer let her go. Now Borenstein, 58, is living off unemployment. With her teacher's pension, she'll be OK – but the loss of income disrupted her plans for a more secure retirement.

"I can live off my pension, but I won't have a lot of extras," Borenstein said. "The longer I'm out of work, the harder it will be to get back in the job market."

The United States lost 20.5 million jobs in April, the

highest recorded monthly job loss on record. The unemployment rate for both young and older workers jumped to double digits. For women over 55, the rate increased to 15.5 percent in April, up from 3.3 percent a month earlier, according to AARP Public Policy Institute's latest employment data digest.

"The numbers were really devastating," said Susan Weinstock, AARP's vice president for financial resilience programming.

There's a trifecta effect for older unemployed women, Weinstock said. They face age discrimination, are likely to be unemployed longer in downturns, and – when they do finally land a job – they often have to take a significant pay cut.

When personal and job characteristics are held constant, jobless women are 18 percent less likely to find new work at age 50 to 61 than at age 25 to 34. At 62 or older, they are 50 percent less likely to be rehired, according to research by the Urban Institute.

With job opportunities and income reduced, the unemployed often tap their retirement funds if they have them – leaving less to live on when they decide to retire or are forced to stop working

because of health issues. Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (Cares) Act, workers younger than 59 1/2 can take coronavirus-related distributions up to \$100,000 without incurring the typical 10 percent early-withdrawal penalty.

"If they're having financial trouble, that's a great safety net," Weinstock said. "But if you're an older worker, you have a lot less time to make that up than you do if you're a younger worker."

By the way, Weinstock pointed out, if you're looking for work, the AARP has a Job Board at jobs.aarp.org. Right now, the Small Business Administration is looking to hire loan specialists to process applications for the Paycheck Protection Program, created under the Cares Act to help businesses keep their workers employed during this COVID-19 crisis.

Elizabeth White knows what it's like to be 55 and unemployed. During the Great Recession, she lost lucrative consulting contracts that put her "solidly in the six figures." She thought her experience working for the World Bank and advanced degrees from Johns Hopkins and Harvard would help her quickly find new employ-

ment.

She was wrong.

And to make matters worse, White had previously depleted her savings trying to run a retail business, which ultimately failed.

Now 66, White has gained a tremendous amount of perspective that can help so many other older workers trying to make ends meet during the pandemic.

White wrote about her experience of having the "bottom fall out with no ladder to climb back up." Her book, "55, Underemployed and Faking Normal," is this month's Color of Money book selection.

One of the first actions White recommends is forming a "resilience circle," which is a small network of people with whom you can discuss honestly the challenges of living on a limited income due to a job loss. She talks about how important it is to quickly downsize. And she cautions that if you were a high earner with an impressive job title, "get off your throne," meaning you may have to settle for work that you wouldn't normally take.

"We're going to have to let go of this notion that our values and worth are based solely on our titles, incomes,

and jobs," she writes. "We're going to have to let go of our vanity and pride."

White wrote this book before the pandemic hit, but the advice for older workers is timeless. She's writing as a comrade in the struggle. Hers is not a story of "doom and gloom" but of encouragement for older workers trying to make a living in a new normal.

I am hosting an online discussion about the "55, Underemployed and Faking Normal" at noon Eastern time on June 4 at washingtonpost.com/discussions. My guests will be White and AARP's Weinstock. They will join me to take your questions about older workers dealing with unemployment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Readers can write to **Michelle Singletary** c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@Singletary M) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer's name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

Do Just One Thing

By **DANNY SEO**

It's no surprise one of the easiest ways to go green is to skip plastic-bottled water. But here's another reason to say no to single-use H2O: You might be drinking microplastics, too. A study by the State University of New York in Fredonia found that 250 bottles from 11 different brands had microplastics in over 90 percent of the samples tested. These microplastics are invisible to the naked eye, but could contribute to an unhealthy way to stay hydrated.

Northeast Indiana Works receives \$2.1M

CARES Act funds will support training programs

STAFF REPORT

Northeast Indiana Works has received \$2.1 million in CARES Act funding from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development to support training under the Workforce Ready Grant (WRG) and Employment Training Grant (ETG) programs, according to Rick Farrant, director of communications.

Employers and individuals interested in participating in the programs should email trainingfunds@neinworks.org and provide a phone number. Individuals should also provide the name of the county where they live. Employers should provide the name of the county where their business is located.

Under the terms of the funding, the training must begin before the end of 2020.

The WRG for individuals pays for all tuition and regularly assessed fees for qualifying high-value certificates at any eligible training provider. The training must be in these high-growth fields: advanced manufacturing, building and construction, health and life sciences, IT and business services, and transportation and logistics. Under the ETG, employers are reimbursed for the training of new or existing workers in the same fields, as well as agriculture. Companies that produce Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) may also qualify. Employers customize the ETG training to their needs, it can be outsourced or in-house, and the minimum curriculum must be 40 hours.

Some key requirements of the WRG/ETG programs have been relaxed or expanded, but only through the end of the year. Among the changes to the WRG program: having a post-secondary degree is no longer a barrier to accessing training opportunities; people without a high school degree can now co-enroll in a High School Equivalency (HSE) program and a WRG training opportunity; the list of qualifying occupations has been expanded, and the funding cap per student has been increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Among the changes to the ETG program: the total reimbursement cap for employers has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and the requirement that employers retain a trained worker for at least six months has been waived. The reimbursement per employee remains at \$5,000.

The training will be available to qualifying employers and individuals in Economic Growth Region 3, which includes these 11 counties: Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley.

For more information, visit www.neinworks.org.

How businesses should treat customers amid wave of cancellations

By **MICHELLE SINGLETARY**

Travel plans have been disrupted. Theaters are lowering the curtain. And kids are being sent home early from college. As the coronavirus continues to wreak havoc, you may be asking: What's fair compensation for cancellations and shuttered services?

It's understandable that cruises, concerts and sports games are being canceled. We may want our lives to continue uninterrupted, but health officials recommend that we avoid large venues, which is why major sports leagues have suspended or postponed their seasons.

Of course, our first concern with the spread of the coronavirus should be about the health of those infected with COVID-19. We all should be doing what we can to avoid spreading the virus.

But as our political leaders scramble to figure out how best to contain the virus, consumers are also concerned about refund policies in the wake of this pandemic.

My take: Give people

their money back whenever possible. Yes, I know this crisis isn't of your making, but folks generally don't want vouchers for future events or travel. If this pandemic goes on too long, and if there's a disruption in their income, they're going to need every dollar to cover daily expenses. Companies shouldn't shift losses to their customers.

With the cost of college already stressing the financial limits of families, those colleges shutting down should consider how to compensate students sent home. Many of them have taken out education loans to pay for rooms they can't sleep in and meals they can't consume.

It may be too soon for colleges to figure this out, but eventually they do need to address the issue of compensation. Will students get a discount on next semester's room and board charges? Will they get a refund?

Since December 2018, Crystal McDonald of Washington has been making monthly payments for her daughter's high school-sponsored trip to France and Spain

as part of a foreign language experience.

"It was the only way my daughter would have been able to participate," McDonald said.

The total cost of the spring break trip, which has been scrapped because of the coronavirus outbreak, was \$3,500, including travel insurance.

McDonald and other parents of students at Benjamin Banneker Academic High in Washington have been told they won't get a full refund.

In response to my questions, the tour company, EF Educational Tours, emphasized that it is allowing for a change of itinerary, change of destination (including to domestic tours), a postponement or reimbursement in the form of a transferable travel voucher.

"We are also working with our groups, their schools and individual families to provide flexible options for tours that have already been booked," the company said in an emailed statement.

A voucher isn't enough, McDonald argues. Parents were also initially upset that the future travel had to

be done by next year. The company has since extended the voucher offer through September 2022.

"Ideally, we would get a full refund minus the insurance and some minimal fees," McDonald said. "If I lose \$200 or \$300, that's OK."

McDonald, who works for a nonprofit, is particularly irked that the insurance she was paying won't allow her to receive full reimbursement for a cancellation out of her control.

"At the end of the day, the insurance company can pay out on these policies," said the single mother. "They are far richer than I am."

I asked for comment on whether the company could be more generous. I was directed to an informational page about the impact of the virus in which EF gives this reason for not providing full refunds: "We begin planning your tour as soon as you reserve, to ensure the highest quality service at the lowest price. For example,

EF Educational Tours books large volumes of flights and hotels months, if not years, in

advance. For this reason, EF has designed its cancellation policies to take into consideration the investments we make in your tour long before it departs."

Depending on what happens with this trip, McDonald said she would be more averse to traveling in the future. She's making payments on another trip for herself to Costa Rica.

"I'm middle-income, and I made sacrifices to make these payment plans to travel abroad," she said.

"It's the right thing to cancel large-group activities during this crisis out of an abundance of caution. But businesses are forewarned that how you treat people as a result of these cancellations could have a lasting effect on future business relationships."

The spread of the coronavirus is an extraordinary event. A pandemic of this magnitude requires considerations that are also extraordinary. Out of an abundance of fairness, companies and colleges should implement the most generous refund policies possible.

PD Store/Parkson Dragon has a false address, phone numbers listed on the website

STAFF REPORT

The Better Business Bureau Serving Northern Indiana is warning consumers against doing business with PD Store/Parkson Dragon. BBB recently opened an investigation into the F-rated company based on multiple ScamTracker reports that orders were not being delivered, despite being paid for, according to a press release.

Upon investigation, BBB found that the phone number for PD Store belongs to the Roanoke Baptist Church, which is not connected to PD Store in any way. In addition, the address on PD Store's web-

site, parksdronragon.com, indicates that the store is located in New York. Representatives for the church have indicated they're receiving hundreds of calls daily and have issued a notice that they are not affiliated with PD Store on their church voicemail.

"When a business has a pattern of unfulfilled orders, that's a problem," said Marjorie Stephens, President/CEO of the BBB Serving Northern Indiana. "When their contact information is incorrect or disconnected and their address does not exist, that's a tell-tale sign of a scam."

A New Jersey consumer reports ordering an inflatable swimming pool from PD Store's website. The only checkout option was PayPal and she received UPS tracking details shortly after, with arriv-

al set for a few days later. However, when the package did not arrive by the specified date, the customer checked the tracking number and UPS indicated her item had already been delivered. She then tried to contact PD Store about the issue, but they were unreachable.

Likewise, a Texas consumer ordered two pools on the website, and when the pools did not arrive, he attempted to contact the company multiple times. When that had no result, he disputed the order through PayPal. Currently, the dispute is unresolved because PD Store has not responded to PayPal.

A Kentucky consumer also ordered a pool and received an email that it shipped on June 28. She then received an email stating it had been delivered on June 24. When she attempted to contact the company, she could not get a response. Currently, she has an open case with PayPal to get her money back.

Shopping online always carries a level of risk that the merchant may not be who they say they are," Stephens said. "However, there are ways to decrease your chances of falling victim to a scammer."

BBB offers the following tips for keeping yourself safe when shopping online:

■ Buy from reputable retailers.

When shopping online, only purchase from businesses you know and trust.

If you've never done business with the company, be sure to review their business profile at BBB.org to view customer reviews and complaints.

Don't be fooled by a bargain advertised on social media.

If the price is

too good to be true, it probably is.

■ Confirm the business contact information. If you are unfamiliar with a seemingly legitimate company, check to ensure their contact information is valid before you make a purchase.

Incorrect email addresses and defunct customer service numbers can be indicators of an untrustworthy business.

■ Pay carefully. Credit cards

are generally the safest way to pay for online purchases. If a problem occurs, you have some consumer protections offered by the credit card company to dispute the charges.

If a business only accepts payment options like PayPal, Venmo or CashApp, that increases a consumer's risk of losing money if something goes wrong with their order.

The slowdown of coin circulation was caused by COVID-19 restrictions

STAFF REPORT

The U.S. Mint is asking for help from the public to recirculate coins – pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. While there is an adequate supply of coins currently in the economy, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the

pace of circulation, resulting in a nationwide slowdown, according to Laura Wilson, vice president of communications of the Indiana Bankers Association.

The public can help recirculate coins by:

■ Paying with exact change in retail establishments.

■ Depositing coins in financial institutions or exchanging for currency.

■ Taking spare change to coin redemption kiosks avail-

able at many banks, grocery stores and other retail establishments.

The slowdown of coin circulation was caused by COVID-19 restrictions that went into place starting in March. Establishments where coins typically enter society such as retail shops, bank lobbies, transit authorities and laundromats were temporarily closed to traffic. During closures, coins that normally would have been received in

2019.

Newly minted coins account for less than 20 percent of coin orders, with 82 percent of orders filled with recirculated coins. At the start of 2020, more than 4 billion coins were recirculated each month; those numbers dropped to less than 2 billion beginning in April. In late June, the U.S. Treasury reported an estimate that the total value of coins in circulation is \$47.8 billion.

change were not being circulated back into the system.

Additionally, during the early phases of COVID-19, the U.S. Mint reduced production to enhance social distancing and mitigate exposure. Since mid-June, however, the Mint has been operating at full capacity and is now on track to produce 1.65 billion coins per month for the remainder of the year. By comparison, the Mint produced an average of 1 billion coins per month in

2019.

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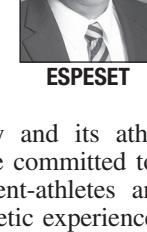
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HCAC decision leads to changes in Manchester athletics programs

Football, soccer, volleyball competitions and championships postponed to spring

By ANNE GREGORY

After careful consideration and extensive deliberations, the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Council of Presidents has voted unanimously to postpone conference competition in fall season sports that are classified as high risk by the NCAA. Conference competition and conference champion-



ships in football, men's and women's soccer, and volleyball will be postponed to the spring.

"Manchester University and its athletics staff are committed to offering student-athletes an engaging athletic experience with extensive team activities this fall, followed by competitive seasons in the spring," said Rick Espeset, director of athletics and head baseball coach at Manchester.

"In response to the ever-changing shifts in the COVID-19 pandemic, these changes place the health and safety of the student-athletes, coaches, support staff, and campus community as the highest priority, while also ensuring an opportunity for as much participation as possible in each HCAC sport. Manchester University will continue to consult with health professionals to explore out-of-conference competition in these sports during the fall semester," he said.

"The decisions about shifting the competitive seasons

for the high-risk sports came after thorough analysis and discussions about whether institutions in the Heartland Conference could fulfill NCAA testing recommendations without drawing vital health resources from their local communities," Espeset said.

Based on risk classifications by the NCAA, the conference has decided to move forward with the fall season sports of golf, tennis and cross country. Additionally, the HCAC will schedule competitions for the medium-risk spring sports of baseball and softball during

the fall semester. These competitions will not count toward conference championship standings.

A decision on basketball and wrestling, which are classified as high risk by the NCAA, will be made soon. Swimming and diving, classified as low risk by the NCAA, will move forward with its standard schedule.

The HCAC and Manchester University will continue to explore all options for a safe return to intercollegiate athletics. The HCAC leadership will communicate further developments regarding competition in 2020-21 as

solutions are finalized and implemented. The priority of the HCAC, its Council of Presidents, and Manchester University continues to be a commitment to the health and safety of student-athletes, coaches, support staff and campus community.

Manchester has developed a Q&A page that will address many questions, which may be viewed by visiting <https://www.muspartans.com/general/2020-21/releases/20200724gutov3>.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

Blood donors needed to keep supply strong as pandemic continues

Blood drive hosts urgently needed this fall

STAFF REPORT

Though this summer may feel different than summers past, one thing remains constant: The need for blood donations to help save lives, according to Rodney Wilson, communications manager with the American Red Cross.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities scheduled in Wabash County include:

■ From 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 at the North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E. 2nd St., North Manchester.

■ From 2 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12 at the Urbana Yoke Parish Community Center, 16 E. Half St., Urbana.

"The American Red Cross is urging healthy individuals to give blood to restock the shelves for patients battling disease and facing the unexpected," said Wilson.

"Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, people across the country and here in the Indiana Ohio Region have stepped up to help by giving blood with the Red Cross. Blood donations from healthy individuals are just as essential now to meet patient needs, and those who gave this spring may be eligible to help again."

Donation appointments can be made for the coming days and weeks by downloading the free Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 800-RED CROSS, or 800-733-2767, or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, those who come to give from Aug. 1 to Sept. 3 will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, courtesy of Amazon.

Those who give by Aug.

31 will be automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for four to Cedar Point or Knott's Berry Farm, redeemable through the 2021 season.

The Red Cross is also looking for blood drive hosts this fall to help ensure stable blood supply.

"There is no known end date in this fight against coronavirus, and while cases increase across the country, blood drives continue to be canceled at an alarming rate as many businesses, schools and community organizations remain closed," said Wilson. "Because about 80 percent of blood donations are made at blood drives hosted by these groups, the Red Cross urgently needs the help of both blood donors and blood drive hosts to ensure blood products are readily available for patients."

Learn more and sign up to sponsor a drive by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive.

Wilson said To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, individuals who do not feel well or who believe they may be ill with COVID-19 should postpone their donation.

"Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment before arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face-covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance."

One-time \$350 payment also available for Hoosiers financially impacted by COVID-19

STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) wants to remind Hoosiers that the deadline to apply for energy assistance in Program Year 2020 is Friday, July 31, according to Brad Meadows, marketing and communications director.

In addition to the standard Energy Assistance Program (EAP) benefit, a one-time payment of \$350 is also available for Hoosiers financially impacted by COVID-19.

The EAP is a federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) called the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). IHCDA, who administers

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Individuals that have already received an EAP benefit will not need to reapply for additional assistance. However, they should contact their local service provider to see if they are eligible.

For more information, to see a list of eligibility requirements, and to apply, individuals should visit eap.ihcda.in.gov or call 2-1-1 and ask to speak with their local service provider.

STAFF REPORT

Art historian Andrew Gould had studied many copies of the exquisite mosaic of Jesus found high in Istanbul's sixth-century Hagia Sophia cathedral.

But that didn't prepare the architect and sacred artist for what he felt when he stood under the icon, illuminated by the soaring

windows in the south gallery that overlooks the main floor, under the central dome that is 184 feet high and 102 feet in diameter.

The Deesis ("supplication") icon – at least twice the size of life – shows the Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist with their heads bowed, framing an image of Christ Pantocrator ("enthroned"). The glass mosaic cubes were set at angles to create a shimmering effect across the gold background and the many-colored images, whether viewed in daylight or with lamps and candles.

Much of this icon was destroyed a century ago as workers probed to find priceless mosaics under layers of plaster and paint added through the centuries after 1453, when the Ottoman armies of Mehmed II

conquered Constantinople.

Now, Turkish leaders want to convert Hagia Sophia – a museum for decades – back into a mosque.

"There is no more refined icon of Christ anywhere," said Gould, of the New World Byzantine Studios in Charleston, South Carolina. "Just in terms of information, we have copies we can study. ... But visiting Hagia Sophia and seeing this icon under natural light, seeing it in the context of the sanctuary, was crucial to the development of my whole understanding of Orthodox art."

If the "Deesis" is covered again, along with other icons, "this is not something that can be replaced with photographs in art books," he said. "It would hurt artists and believers around the world in so many ways."

The current controversy is rooted in politics more than lingering tensions between Muslim leaders and Turkey's tiny Christian minority, which has little power other than through ties to Greece, Europe and the United States.

Hagia Sophia became a museum in 1934, a symbol of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's drive to build a modern, truly secular state. Now, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has sent many signals that he wants Turkey to return to

Islamic principles.

Debates in Turkish media have swirled around whether modern leaders retain the "right of the sword" to reclaim Hagia Sophia, noted Mustafa Akyol, a Turkish journalist and author of the book "Islam Without Extremes: A Muslim Case for Liberty."

This act would be a "silver bullet" in the Turkish leader's efforts to retain power amid charges of corruption and brutal authoritarianism after nearly two decades in power, Akyol said. The current debates follow Muslim prayers in Hagia Sophia in 2016 and, in 2018, rites led by Erdogan himself in memory of Mehmed II.

"If he reopens Hagia Sophia to Islamic worship, he thinks he will be doing something historic that Turkey's conservatives will honor for many years, if not decades," said Akyol, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C.

"Some opposition parties support him on this idea, because they don't want to look insufficiently nationalist or Islamic."

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Turkish news reports and social media exchanges have signaled rising tensions, including a claim that purple prayer carpets have already been purchased for Hagia Sophia.

One Islamist leader claimed on Twitter that there is no need for a formal decision by Turkish officials, since "we've already purchased the lime" for plastering. Abdullah Sevim of Saadet Partisi also tweeted: "I am looking forward to the days we will remain pure in the Hagia Sophia Mosque. ... May Hagia Sophia open, no matter why it is opened."

Orthodox Christians everywhere are watching. Visiting Hagia Sophia – the museum – has always created waves of "grief and awe at the same time," said Father Christopher Metropoulos, founder of the Orthodox Christian Network on radio and the internet.

"We know this will never be our cathedral again. That's not what this is all about," he said. "We all know that the status quo isn't perfect, but it beats the alternatives. ... This is about losing access, once again, to a very important piece of our history."

Terry Mattingly leads Get Religion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

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Leadership Development Wabash County postponed

The program typically hosts up to 30 people for monthly workshops

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County has decided to postpone hosting a 2020-2021 cohort of the Leadership Development Wabash County (LDWC) program, according to Chelsea Boulrisse, project manager for marketing and events.

"The decision was carefully made after extensive conversations between the Leadership Development program committee, program facilitators, and Grow Wabash County. Feedback was also collected from area employers that have been longtime supporters, participants and sponsors of the program," said Boulrisse.

The LDWC commonly hosts up to 30 people for monthly workshops at various locations around Wabash County.

"As our community continues to navigate the rules and expectations of social distancing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Grow Wabash County feels that it is in the community's best interest to postpone the program," said Boulrisse. "Grow Wabash County plans to offer virtual leadership programming over the next several months until the traditional program can be offered with more details to be released in the coming weeks."

Women renew groping claims against Indiana attorney general

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INDIANAPOLIS — The four women who say they were groped at a bar by Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill have renewed their court challenges against him.

The women filed a lawsuit in Marion County court on July 7, claiming Hill committed battery against them during a March 2018 party at an Indianapolis bar and then defamed them with repeated claims that their allegations were false. Two days later, their attorneys filed their intention to appeal a federal judge's decision dismissing a similar federal lawsuit filed last year.

Hill last month completed a 30-day suspension of his law license after the Indiana Supreme Court found "by clear and convincing evidence that (Hill) committed the criminal act of battery" against the women.

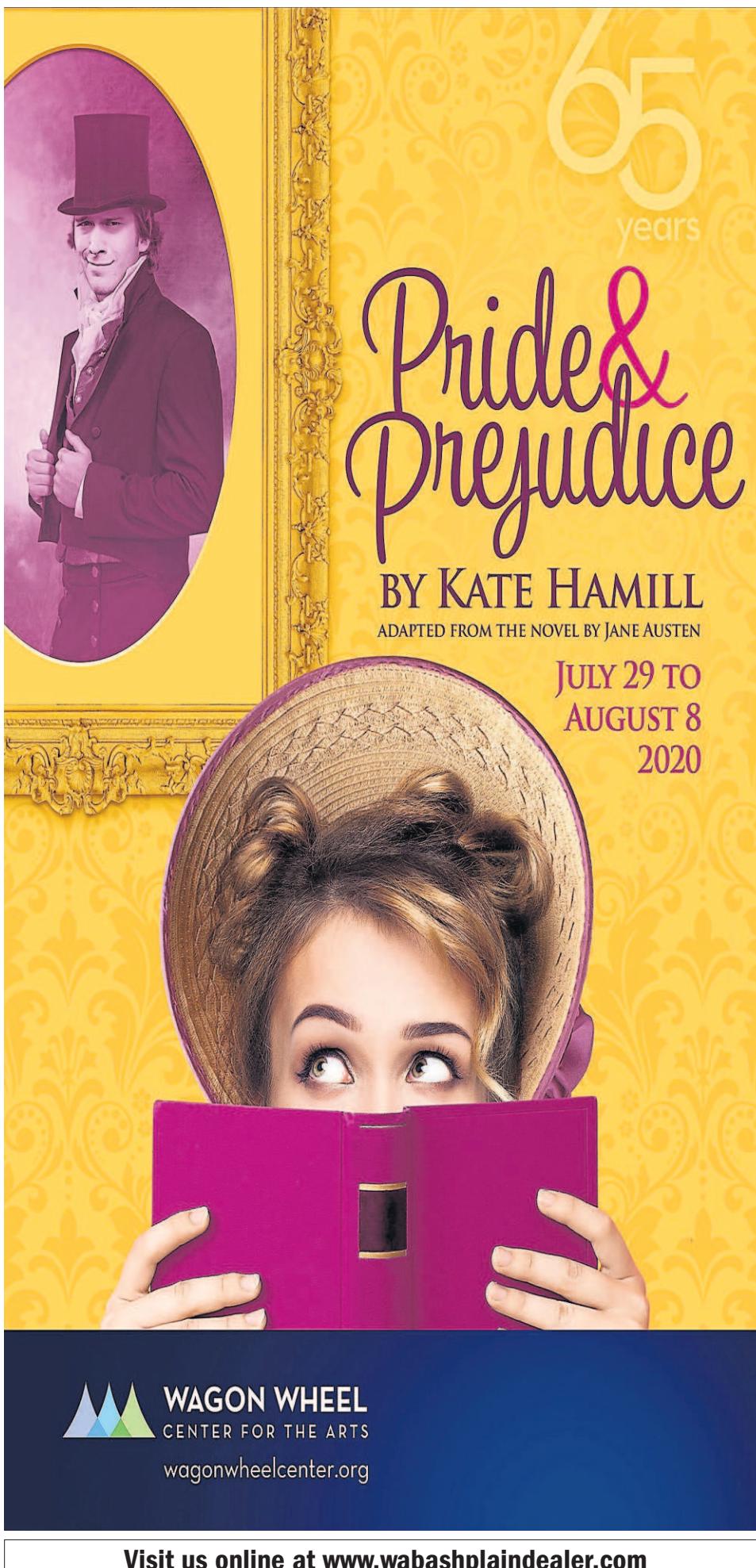
Hill has denied the allegations, but they were a key campaign issue against him when this month he lost the Republican attorney general

nomination for his reelection to former U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita. His term runs through the end of the year.

U.S. District Court Judge Jane Magnus-Stinson ruled in March that the women's lawsuit didn't describe a violation of federal law despite depicting "disgraceful

and reprehensible conduct."

Geoffrey Giorgi, a Crown Point attorney representing Hill, said Tuesday that the county court in Indianapolis was the proper place for the lawsuit over what happened at the party marking the end of the 2018 legislative session.



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Thursday

4-10 pm Popcorn Booth Open
6:30 pm 2020 Popcorn Festival Parade

*Parade Marshall - First
Responders

Immediately following the parade:

*2020 Popcorn Festival Parade
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*Crowning of the 2020 Popcorn
Festival Royalty

8:00 pm Steal Justice

Friday

4-10 pm Popcorn Booth Open
5:00 pm Pet Parade
6:00 pm Alexander the Magician

7:00 pm TRSS Drum Corp
8:00 pm BackWater

Saturday

7am-10 pm Popcorn Booth Open

7-11 am Annual Fireman's Pancake &
Sausage Breakfast

7:30 am Kernel Klassic 5k Registration
8:30 am Kernel Klassic 5K Run/Walk

9-11 am Chalk Walk Registration
9am-2pm Farmer's Market

Saturday Continued...

9am-3 pm Chalk Walk in progress
10:30am-1pm Mini Golf @ Central Christian
Church

11:00 am Fireman's Challenge
2:00 pm Kids Big Wheel Race

3:00 pm Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
2-6 pm Car Show—sponsored by
Matthews Buick GMC

4:30 pm Baby Parade
6:00 pm Brandon "Elvis" Howard

7:00 pm A Few Good Men
8-10 pm Mooncats

9:00 pm Grand Prize Drawing
10:00 pm Fireworks set off at the Fire
Station

10:30 pm Street Dance with DJ

